



OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMAN
TOWN OF MAYNARD
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
195 MAIN STREET
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2008

Town Building – Michael J. Gianotis Meeting Room (201)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Present; Chairman Bill Cranshaw, Sel. John Barilone, Sel. Sally Bubier, Sel. Tim Lawton, Sel Bob Nadeau, Town Administrator John Curran and ATA Cathy O'Dea

Proclamation

The Board of Selectmen considered a proclamation for Ryan J. Brooks of Boy Scout Troop 130 of Maynard. Ryan, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout, supervised the construction of a new boardwalk on the Red Maple Trail in the Great Meadow National Wildlife Refuge in Sudbury, MA.

Chairman Cranshaw read the Proclamation.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to proclaim Sunday April 12, 2008 Ryan J. Brooks Day. Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 4 – 0. Motion Approved.

Interview: Assessor

The Board of Selectmen interviewed Maynard resident, Jim Matesanz, for the position of Assessor. Mr. Matesanz detailed his professional credentials and work history for the Board, as well as his participation on the Public Safety Building Committee. Members of the Board questioned Jim on his basic assessing and appraisal knowledge. In addition, they asked the candidate to state his goals for the Assessor's Office. Jim stated that he hoped to capture new growth, provide consistency and insure equity in the assessing process. Police Chief Jim Corcoran, in attendance, offered comments describing Jim as a professional who he felt privileged to work with on the Public Safety Building Committee.

License Transfer

The Board of Selectmen considered a transfer of an All Alcohol License from Seawich Inc., Manager Christopher Basili, to Cast Iron Kitchen LLC, John Pierce Gagnon, manager. The Board reviewed the documentation provided for the transfer. Chief Jim

Corcoran reported that he had talked with the applicant and reviewed with him the provisions of the TI P program.

Motion by Sel. Nadeau to approve the transfer of a 7 day – All Alcohol license from Seawich Inc. to Cast Iron Kitchen LLC. Second by Sel. Lawton. Vote 5 –0. Motion Approved.

Approval: Special Permit

The Board of Selectman considered the granting of a Special Permit to the Infant, Toddler, Children’s Center in Acton, a non-profit preschool and after school childcare company. The permit to conduct a silent auction and casino night fundraiser, to be held at the Maynard Rod and Gun Club, was requested. Sarah Wekke, who represented ITC Inc., provided details of the request.

Motion by Sel. Nadeau to grant a One Day Special Permit for ITC Inc. on Friday, May 2, 2008. Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 5 – 0. Motion Approved.

Public Hearing: Water and Sewer Rates

The Board of Selectmen opened a public hearing on Water and Sewer rates. The hearing was continued from the Public Hearing of April 15, 2008. The Town Administrator detailed water and sewer consumption, explaining that consumption data showed a fluctuation in consumption: April ‘07 18 million cu ft., April ‘08 14 million cu ft. The Town Administrator detailed the research he conducted to verify that the consumption numbers were accurate. He shared with the Board his conclusion that April ‘07 consumption figures were misleading because abatements approved for that period, approved by the Board, were included in the elevated consumption in April ‘07. adding that residents would receive, on average, an \$89.00 increase in their Water and Sewer bill.

The Chair entertained comments from residents in attendance. Vic Tomyl commented that the Town should consider a higher rate for irrigation meters; explaining that water not used for personal consumption could be considered a luxury. Gene Redner asked how many meters had not yet been changed and was told that approximately 20 commercial accounts were still on the old meters. The TA detailed the issues involved with the remaining 20 commercial accounts. Dave Gavin asked if an assumed collection rate of 95% was realistic. The TA reported that while 95% was an aggressive figure, he was confident it would be achieved given measures in place.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to adjust Town Water rates by setting the new rates at:
In Town Water Rates

0000-1000 cubic feet	\$4.08/100 cubic feet
1001-2000 cubic feet	\$5.26/100 cubic feet
2001-5000 cubic feet	\$5.65/100 cubic feet

Over 5000 cubic feet \$6.44/100 cubic feet

Out of Town Water Rates

0000-1000 cubic feet \$5.71/100 cubic feet

1001-2000 cubic feet \$7.36/100 cubic feet

2001-5000 cubic feet \$7.91/100 cubic feet

Over 5000 cubic feet \$9.02/100 cubic feet

Second by Sel. Lawton. Roll call vote: Sel. Barilone – no, Chariman Cranshaw – yes, Sel. Bubier – yes, Sel Nadeau – no, Sel. Lawton – yes. Vote 3 – 2. Motion Approved.

Sewer rates remained unchanged

Selectman Barilone excused himself from the meeting.

Interview: Assessor

The Board of Selectmen considered the candidate, Mary McCabe, for the position of Assessor. Mary McCabe detailed her education and experience for the Board. The Board questioned Ms. McCabe on opportunities for new growth as well as her approach to working with the other members of the Board of Assessors. Mary stated she would look to Clock Tower Place to capture new growth and stated that she believed consistent and continual communication with other members of the Board of Assessors was essential to developing productive working relationships. Members thanked Mary McCabe for her interest in serving as an Assessor.

License: Common Victuallers License Change of Hours

Strato Stratakios, owner of Maynard Village Pizza, appeared before the Board to request a change in hours of operation. Mr. Statakios requested permission to operate 24 hours a day. He explained to the Board that he felt these expanded hours of operation would be beneficial to the community since no other food establishment offered extended hours. He added that he would also be applying for a beer and wine license at a later date. Sel. Lawton questioned the owner on the clients from other towns that these hours would attract. He stated that he did not believe expanded hours were in the best interest of either the community or the adjacent residential neighborhood. Sel. Lawton also questioned if past due alarm fees had been paid. The owner reported that, as yet, the fees were not paid. Sel. Nadeau stated that the 24-hour request merited significant investigation. Sel. Bubier expressed concern that a 24-hour license would be detrimental to the neighborhood. Chairman Cranshaw stated that it appeared that the consensus of the Board was to allow a 5 a.m. open, but a 24-hour license required further investigation.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to change the hours of operation for Maynard Village Pizza to an opening time of 5 a.m. with the condition that the past due alarm fees be paid prior to issuance. Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 4 – 0. Motion Approved.

License Renewals

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to approve Bowling and Billiard Licenses from the Knights of Columbus. Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 3 – 0. (Sel. Lawton abstained.)

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to approve Bowling and Billiard Licenses for:

- Pleasant Café
- Morey's Tavern
- Rod and Gun Club
- Lodge of Elks
- American Legion

Second by Sel. Lawton. Vote 4 – 0. Motion Approved.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to approve Junk Dealers License for:

- The Corner Closet
- Teresina's
- Everything Under the Sun

Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 4 – 0. Motion Approved.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to approve Sunday Ice Cream License to:

- 51 Main Bar & Grill
- Big Scoop's
- Blue Coyote Grille
- Bud's Variety
- Cast Iron Kitchen
- Christopher's
- Corner Store
- Cumberland Farms
- Erickson's
- Maynard Village Pizza
- McDonalds
- Oriental Delight
- Tedeschi Food Shop
- Russell's
- Tai Chilli
- Wendy's

Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 4 – 0. Motion Approved.

Approval : Town Meeting Warrant

Town Administrator, John Curran, reviewed control that had been previously approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selection discussed Article 14- new windows for the Town Building. Members of the Finance Committee, in attendance, asked if any energy audit had been conducted to estimate the energy cost saving of installing new windows at the Town Building. The Town Administrator replied that an informal audit was conducted, and that while it was evident that cost savings would not cover the cost of the windows, there were several other reasons for replacing the windows. These reasons included: the current windows have exceeded their useful life, many windows are not operational and the windows are not ergonomically sound. He added that new windows would improve the quality of the work environment in the Town Building. Mike Smith and Pat Natoli, members of the Public Safety Building Committee, reiterated the Town Administrator's concerns adding that using vinyl replacement windows was not a sound option as they did not offer the durability of the aluminum windows proposed. Dave Gavin questioned the inclusion of the windows in the Article for Town Meeting because it may jeopardize the success of other items in the Article.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to include \$55,307. for new windows in the Town Building to Article 14. Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 2 – 1. (Sel. Nadeau-Yes, Sel. Bubier -Yes, Chairman Cranshaw-No) Motion Approved.

Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to approve Article 14- Capital Planning Article_ for the amount of \$339,000. Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

The Board of Selectmen took further action on the following:

Article 3. Motion by Sel Bubier to approve Article 3 for the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Chairman Cranshaw. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 5. Motion by Sel. Nadeau to endorse and approve Article 5 for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Chairman Cranshaw. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 7. Motion by Chairman Cranshaw to endorse and approve Article 7 for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant . Second by Sel. Bubier. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 9. Motion by Sel Bubier to approve Article 9 for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Chairman Cranshaw. Vote3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 11. Motion by Sel Bubier to approve Article 11 for inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 12 and 13. Motion by Sel. Bubier to endorse and approve Article 12 and 13 for inclusion on the Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Article 14. No Action was taken.

Article 15. Motion by Sel. Nadeau to endorse and approve Article 15 for inclusion on the Town Meeting Warrant. Second by Chairman Cranshaw. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

Appointment: Assessor

The Board of Selectmen discussed the candidacy of Mary McCabe and Jim Matesanz, who were both interviewed earlier during the meeting. The TA reported that the Board of Assessors recommended Jim Matesanz for the position.

Motion by Sel. Nadeau to appoint Jim Matesanz to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Vote 3 – 0. Motion Approved.

New Business

Sel. Bubier reported that there was a Groundbreaking scheduled for the Assabet Wildlife Refuge scheduled for May 3, 2008 from 2 – 4 p.m. and she encouraged Board Members to attend.

Sel. Bubier suggested a letter of support be sent to Congresswoman Tsongas endorsing The thoughts expressed in the meeting held between Bob Varney from the EPA and local elected officials regarding unfunded mandates.

Sel Bubier requested hand-outs, seeking volunteers, be distributed at the Annual and Special Town Meeting.

Motion by Sel Bubier to adjourn. Second by Sel. Nadeau. Vote 3 – 0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 am.

Approval:

Date: _____

Initial: _____

Selectman Bob Nadeau, Clerk

